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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

In praying, "Deliver us from evil, Lord," it often seems we are moved by a fear that evil is around us or beyond us, so we call out to You as the One who can distance this strange feeling—this stranger, alien, foreign enemy—even further away from us.

Yet You see what we are unable to see. You understand and continue to love what we are yet unable to accept and so fear.

Rather than take flight from the ground upon which we stand, Lord, Your Spirit alone enables us to go inward. There, without fear, we can admit that evil is so subtle, yet so real, that it hides itself under the cloak of our own self-righteousness.

You alone, Lord, can deliver us from this evil because only true forgiveness can free us from the past. Only after we find forgiveness in ourselves can we look around us and see others like ourselves who can join in the work of reconciliation, creating new ground and inspiring others to place all their trust in You, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1035. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, last week, we marked the 15th anniversary of a critical piece of legislation, the Violence Against Women Act.

This bill was a landmark achievement, and it has led to major strides in keeping American women more secure and in ensuring that victims of violence receive the services they need. By cracking down on crimes like stalking, sexual assault and domestic abuse, with tougher sentences for perpetrators and with more support for victims, the Violence Against Women Act has made our country a safer place to live.

As a husband and the father of a wonderful daughter, I am committed to continuing the programs established by this critical legislation—for my family and for all of the families in south Florida.

Much has been accomplished in the last 15 years, but violent crimes against women are still far too common. On this anniversary, we must all rededicate ourselves to better protecting America's women from violence and to supporting survivors of these crimes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE J. GRESHAM BARRETT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAS-TOR of Arizona) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable J. GRESHAM BARRETT, Member of Congress:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 22, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, H-232, The
Capitol, Washington, DC.

Dear Madam Speaker: Effective Thursday, September 24, 2009, I will be resigning from

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my position on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.
Sincerely,

J. GRESHAM BARRETT,
Member of Congress.

ELECTING A MINORITY MEMBER TO A STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 770

Resolved, That the following member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee:

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT—Mr. McCaul.

Mr. PENCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

\$400,000 IN TAXPAYER MONEY PROPOSED FOR QADDAFI'S CHILDREN

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Libyan dictator Qaddafi spoke to the U.N. for almost 2 hours.

Here on the Hill on the same day, we received a State Department notification proposing \$400,000 in U.S. taxpayer money for the foundations of Qaddafi's son and daughter.

You heard that right.

After the murders of 189 Americans aboard Pan Am flight 103 and after watching the bomber being welcomed home from Scotland, the administration is proposing donating \$200,000 to Saif Qaddafi's Qaddafi Development Foundation. Recall that Qaddafi's son, Saif, organized the "welcome home" ceremony for the Pan Am bomber.

The administration also is proposing donating \$200,000 in taxpayer funds to the Waettasmeno/UNDP foundation, which is run by Qaddafi's daughter, Ayesha. She is also conveniently the head of Libya's UNDP.

This is part of a \$2.5 million grant proposed for Libya by the Obama administration—U.S. funding for an oil-rich OPEC nation which is responsible for U.S. national security problems across Africa.

RECOMMIT TO HAVING A ROBUST AMERICAN MANUFACTURING SECTOR

(Mr. MICHAUD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, a major obstacle to our economic recovery is the continued decline of our manufacturing base. We need a genuine recovery that can generate growth without government bailouts or stimulus programs. The current crisis of overspending and the overconsumption of foreign goods was born out of the neglect of our manufacturing sector.

As recently evidenced by the Chinese tire decision, I am pleased that the administration seems to be serious about enforcing trade laws. This is a positive step. Yet, as the President welcomes the world leaders at the G-20 Summit, I ask him and Members of this body to recommit ourselves to a robust manufacturing sector.

We can do this by supporting programs that will help domestic manufacturing get back on its feet. We also need a new approach on trade to stop the predatory foreign practice dead in their tracks. We must make sure that our factories and jobs stay here at home. Doing so will help us create real wealth, good jobs, tax revenues, and an opportunity for hardworking American families.

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TWO CLOWNS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the circus parade hit the United Nations yesterday. Libya's Omar Qaddafi treated everyone to a 100-minute rambling rant. It seems he thinks President Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was a spy and working for Israel. He says capitalism is the cause of all the world's problems and the U.N. was founded by terrorist nations like the United States.

The little fella from the desert of Iran, Ahmadinejad, gave a speech that cleared the room. The United States and other diplomats walked out. The tiny tyrant accused Israel of genocide and denies the Holocaust. The dictator praised his own glorious election this summer. You know, that's the one when his government murdered Iranian protestors.

These twin tyrants rant about death, destruction and doom to America and Israel. They preach hate and murder in the name of religion. These two twin threats to world peace cannot be brushed aside as laughable clowns.

The United States must take their hate speech and intimidation seriously. Our Nation must be prepared to defend America from their arrogant, aggressive threats.

And that's just the way it is.

MAKE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Mr. Speaker, in this health care debate, we have called on health insurance companies, health care providers and the Federal Government to make major improvements to how they provide health care. Yet we have not asked the benefactors of these changes to make a contribution to reform. We have not asked anything of the American people.

Successful health care reform must include a robust public policy to encourage personal responsibility and healthy living. Insurance discounts are a straightforward means to encourage healthy living.

Most automobile insurers offer safe driver discounts for responsibility behind the wheel. A healthy living discount can reward healthy behavior and encourage personal responsibility.

I urge my colleagues to adopt H.R. 3472, a bill to create health insurance premium discounts of up to 20 percent for healthy behavior and improvements toward healthy behavior.

It's good public policy to help Americans live well. My bill creates a tangible incentive to live well and live healthy.

MISSILE DEFENSE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the recent shift in missile defense strategy weakens both our allies in Eastern Europe and our position with Russia and Iran.

The announcement that we would abandon the ballistic missile defense infrastructure in Poland and the Czech Republic could not have come on a worse date, the 70th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Poland.

A Polish spokesman called the decision "catastrophic for Poland." Only Russia has expressed satisfaction with the announcement.

This shift in strategy comes as Russia has been increasingly willing to project its power in the region either through military force or by withholding natural gas. This decision undermines every pro-Western politician in Poland and the Czech Republic, our allies. Their careers are ruined.

People are saying you can't trust U.S. commitments. We pleased the Russians with nothing to show in return. Now is not the time to appease. Our actions are seen as weakness and dangerous. It undermines our national security.

OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS HEALTH INSURANCE

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to pass comprehensive health reform, not this decade, not next year but this year.